

August 16, 2023

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were Baier, Twombly, Walker and Wedemeyer. Hoadley attended via phone conference. Also present: Mandy Berg and Jeff Vandewater. Chris Parks – KJAN, Tom Robinson – KSOM, Jennifer Nichols– Atlantic News, joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

MINUTES: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the minutes for August 9, 2023. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Baier and seconded by Twombly to approve the following claims:

AUXIANT	HRA INS FEES	\$72.50
	GRAND TOTAL	\$72.50
8500- ADAIR CO INS TRUST	HRA INS FEES	\$72.50
	GRAND TOTAL	\$72.50

Approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to acknowledge receipt of the May and June Monthly Reports. Approved.

MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to acknowledge receipt of the Manure Management Plan Update for McKee Farms. Approved. Vandewater exited at 9:03 a.m.

AUDITOR – NEW HIRE: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Baier to approve the hire of Nathan Reed as the Auditor’s Elections and Real Estate Deputy at a starting salary of 68% of the Auditors Salary for \$46,216.55. Approved. Auditor Berg stated that his tentative start date would be August 30th, 2023 and is dependent on the preemployment screenings. Gwen Johnston, John Schildberg III, and Lee Ashmore entered at 9:04 a.m.

VETERANS’ AFFAIRS: VA Administrator – John Schildberg III, VA Commissioner, informed the Board that they appointed Gwen Johnston as the Administrator effective August 1, 2023 with a pay rate of \$21.49/hour, which is the same as former Administrator Duane Avey. Schildberg also discussed Avey filling in for Johnston when she has trainings in order to talk with the Veterans and make appointments with Johnston. **VA Annual Report** – Gwen Johnston, VA Administrator, discussed the FY23 Veterans’ Affairs Annual Report. Johnston stated that they have been busy with the PACT Act deadline approaching and transportation of veterans with those appointments. The VA still only has two drivers, so they are looking to find another driver. They have stepped up their outreach and have gotten good feedback by attending parades, the fair, and their annual event at the fairgrounds. Johnston attended the National schooling via Zoom. Johnston state that they would like to change their office hours in order to be open an evening during the week, so their Wednesday hours will change to be open from noon to 6:00 p.m. The VA will be getting a vehicle from the State VA to haul vets and they are still looking for a secure parking spot. The Board discussed the vehicle and how the drivers would then be paid, since they currently only receive mileage for driving their personal vehicles. Johnston stated that they also a TV in the office for veterans to attend appeals instead of having to be transported to Des Moines. Johnston, Schildberg, and Ashmore exited at 9:23 a.m.

ENGINEER: ROW Contract – Moved by Baier and seconded by Twombly to approve the right-of-way contract with the William Ray Trust for \$100.00 for the N24 Prussia Box Culvert Project. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board of the following projects: edge repair G61, Govig working on setting beams at W13 Jefferson, Gus construction is done at W15 Eureka and now taking out trees at W14 Jefferson, N29 Prussia, will be having a preconstruction meeting for the N72 South Extension in Fontanelle, Cohron pouring cap on South pier, hauling rock, and looking to trade in a pickup.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Twombly to adjourn at 9:28 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor